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SUBJ: DEATH OF RICHARD S. WELCH: ARRANGEMENTS

1. AUTOPSY HAS BEEN COMPLETED; WE WILL FORWARD RESULTS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. REMAINS ARE NOW BEING REMOVED TO USAF MORTUARY AT ATHENS AIR BASE FOR PREPARATION AND EVACUATION THROUGH USAF CHANNELS TO THE UNITED STATES. WE WILL ADVISE DATE AND TIME OF REMAINS DEPARTURE WHEN KNOWN.

2. WIDOW AND FATHER OF RICHARD S. WELCH REQUEST THAT FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS BE HANDLED BY JOSEPH GAWLER AND SONS, FUNERAL DIRECTORS, 5130 WISCONSIN AVENUE, NW, WASHINGTON, DC.

3. WIDOW AND FATHER HAVE STATED STRONG PREFERENCE FOR BURIAL AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY. FATHER IS RETIRED U.S ARMY COLONEL, PATRICK WELCH, WHOSE WIFE IS ALREADY BURIED AT ARLINGTON. FAMILY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING DOD APPROVAL FOR ARLINGTON BURIAL, ALTHOUGH MR. WELCH HAS NOT SERVED IN U.S. ARMED FORCES. FAILING DOD APPROVAL, FAMILY CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF BURIAL IN "FOREIGN SERVICE PLOT" LOCATED IN A CEMETERY IN THE ROCK CREEK PARK AREA. WOULD THIS BE A FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE? REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION ON BURIAL PLOT SOONEST.

4. TRAVEL PLANS OF WIDOW AND FATHER NOT YET KNOWN. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED, HOWEVER, REQUEST DEPARTMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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SEND TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION FOR TRANSPORTATION OF REMAINS

AND TO RETURN FAMILY AND EFFECTS TO THE U.S.
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